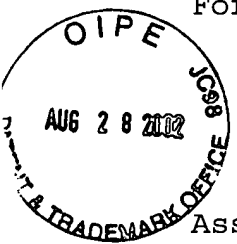


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 28, 2002, the period for response having been extended three months, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Status of the claims:

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending and are ready for further action on the merits. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks

Rejections under 35 USC §§102 and/or 103

Claims 1 and 5-14 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC